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## Bunker, Westmoreland Arrive For White House Conference

Both the top American civilian leader and military man in Vietnam—Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and Gen. William C. Westmoreland—said they were bringing encouraging words of progress to President Johnson during his mid-November White House sessions on the state of the Vietnam War.

In a pre-conference statement, the Ambassador said steady progress was being made politically as well as militarily, with every prospect that it will accelerate.

Mr. Bunker cited as factors leading to improvement: (1) completion of the support base (five ports and 68 air strips have been built); (2) the consequent reversal of the proportion of support-to-combat forces, with more fighting units now going over; (3) improvement and recent excellent performance by Vietnamese Armed Forces.

At a separate plane-side meeting with newsmen, the General said everybody he knows is optimistic, and he has never been more encouraged during almost four years in country.

Gen. Westmoreland said his report to the President would be general in nature, but he would like to see the deployment of 525,000 men already authorized completed as soon as possible.

Ambassador Bunker hailed South Vietnam's evolution of the constitutional process, pointing out that 5,200,000 people registered last year and 80 percent voted, compared to the 8,865,000 who registered this year and the 83 percent who cast ballots.

"It is a remarkable performance in spite of the massive efforts of the Viet Cong to disrupt these elections," he said.

Ambassador Bunker also reported pacification progress, saying about 30,000 Vietnamese troops trained thus far for new roles in protecting the people in hamlets and rural areas from VC terroristic attacks.

Both said they were against bombing pauses because the North Vietnamese have always used them to resupply their forces. Mr. Bunker added the President has clearly indicated Hanoi must give some sign of "reciprocity" before we consider another pause.

Asked if anti-war demonstrations had affected the morale of American fighting men, Gen. Westmoreland said their morale is extremely high and "they are as dedicated to the cause as before."

*PROJECT OFFICER—LCdr. Leslie J. Horn, USN, uses a sextant to determine navigational position during a survey of the Long Tau River in South Vietnam. LCdr. Horn was the Navy Research and Development Unit Vietnam project officer for the survey, considered one of the most historic and dangerous oceanographic surveys in history.*

## Air Force Seeks Extensions From Some Reserve Officers

Air Force is asking "selected" career reserve officers and warrant officers with FY69 retirement or separation dates to remain on active duty for a year or more because the continuing national effort in Southeast Asia requires additional experienced officers.

ALPERSCOM A/278/67 titled "Selective Voluntary Extension of Reserve Officers" sent to the field Nov. 7, spells out full details and contains the exact wording of the extension statement interested officers must sign.

Reservists with FY68 retirement and separation dates who declined previous extension offers will get another chance to extend with the FY69 group.

This includes majors twice passed over for lieutenant colonel, if otherwise eligible, and captains twice failing to make major, if they have completed 20 years federal service.

Among the ineligibles are those reserve officers and warrant officers who are retiring or separating on medical disability. Also included on the ineligible list are those who have completed indefinite ASCROC terms and those who will be mandatorily retired in one year.

# Washington Memos

FIRST SIGNAL Brigade, Army Strategic Communications Command (STRATCOM), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, has been reassigned to STRATCOM-Pacific by Department of Army. Reassignment further consolidates Army communications resources in Pacific Theatre under one command, for increased communications response and greater efficiency of operations.

**AIR FORCE'S newest award is Col. Joseph B. Duckworth Annual USAF Instrument Award, established through his widow in honor of colonel who is credited with substantially contributing to Air Force's instrument flying capabilities. Purpose of award is to focus attention on and accord recognition to outstanding accomplishments in field of instrument flying. It will be presented to unit or individual making most significant contribution to art or science of aerospace instrument flight in preceding calendar year.**

IN A CONTINUING study of earth's environment, 25 high altitude sounding rockets are scheduled for launch during November by Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories, Office of Aerospace Research. Rockets will carry aloft wide variety of experiments designed to emit impulses of specific phenomenons ranging from solar radiation measurements to atmospheric turbulence. Data on these atmospheric parameters are essential to designers of missiles, rockets and supersonic aircraft, and for certain space operations, particularly those associated with reentry.

**ARMY OFFICERS AND WARRANT officers requesting discharge or relief from active duty or who tender resignation are to include their social security account number in parentheses immediately following the service number.**

ARMY ATHLETES ARE training for 1968 winter Olympic games at Grenoble, France, Feb. 12-27. Some 30 in training already have been selected for participation or have been asked to compete to become members of U.S. team. Army also reports that $17,000 in voluntary contributions have been turned over to Olympic Fund.

**NAVY IS PLANNING 500-bed hospital which will feature system to provide nearly 100 percent germ-free air in operating rooms, obstetrical rooms and nursery facilities. System, called Laminar Air Flow, provides uncontaminated air by one-way air flow.**

**AN AIR FORCE scroll of appreciation was presented to Lt. Gen., USAF (Ret.) William D. Eckert, commissioner of baseball. Gen. John P. McConnell, Air Force chief of staff, made the presentation at the Pentagon in recognition of Gen. Eckert's contribution to U.S. servicemen in Southeast Asia. He sent a group of major league top baseball players to that area for entertainment of American troops.**

**NAVY WEATHER Service will observe its 50th anniversary Dec. 17. Called Naval Aerological Service when originated in 1917, service was instituted by order of Assistant Secretary of Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt and directed by Dr. Alexander McAdie, Director of Harvard University's Blue Hill Observatory, who was enlisted as reserve lieutenant commander specifically to organize unit.**

BECAUSE OF WORLDWIDE demands for Army Signal Course specialists, several courses at Ft. Gordon, Ga., Southeastern Signal School are working on a double shift. Two courses are to go into triple shift this month.

**BLUE TUBE USED by Air Force personnel to carry pay records from station to station will be eliminated within next few years. Plans for consolidation of pay records at center in Denver, Colo., will eliminate hand-carrying of records when reassigned.**

**AIR FORCE AID Society (worldwide) provided personnel and dependents 7,674 non-interest-bearing loans for $1,055,411 and 2,339 grants for $357,496. Total cases of assistance for which funds were provided were 10,013 for $1,412,907; 610 loans were declared uncollectible for $62,067; educational assistance was $105,751 for 502 cases; 2,017 children were assisted in the CHAP program for $315,528—from Dec. 1, 1966 to Sept. 30, 1967.**

HU-16B ALBATROSS amphibian is officially retired from combat rescue operations, credited with recovering 62 survivors from hostile waters of Gulf of Tonkin and South China Sea. HH-3E Jolly Green Giant helicopters are replacements for Albatross.

**ARMY RESERVE HISTORY being compiled in pamphlet form and readied for distribution to individual reservists to celebrate Army Reserve's 60th birthday April 28. Pamphlet will describe origin of Army Reserve, and its development, progress and present status.**

AIR FORCE Maj. Gen. Paul T. Cooper has been named Vice Commander, Air Force Systems Command's Space and Missile Systems Organization, El Segundo, Calif., succeeding Maj. Gen. John L. McCoy. Gen. Cooper formerly served as Deputy Commander for Space at SAMSO. Gen. McCoy became Director, Plans and Programs, Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

**DOWNED PILOTS MAY soon get an assist from an emergency radio beacon size of package of cigarets. System, now being tested, will guide search aircraft to pilot's location.**

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## *Background for Commanders*

# OUR ROLE IN LATIN AMERICA*

Our main job in Latin America is to stop poverty, to stop inequality, to stop hunger, to stop illiteracy—to stop all things that create a climate of despair in which a Castro, or a Batista, can flourish.

The Alliance for Progress gives voice and form to that policy. It is not aimed against any people or regime but it reaches out to all the people of the Americas. It seeks not to dominate but to share; indeed the willingness to share is its only qualification.

We hope that someday soon there will be a change that will permit the Cuban people to share in the Alliance for Progress, too, for the development of the hemisphere is a vast program in which every nation has its own part to play, the Cuban nation along with all the others.

### Concern for Progress

Our quarrel is not with the people of Cuba but with an extremism that pursues a calculated policy of intervention in the affairs of other nations, preaching hatred and seeking to turn countrymen against countrymen, and which serves as an arm of Soviet force in the hemisphere.

It is only the posture of the Castro regime which has resulted in the isolation of Cuba. We would prefer to see the people of Cuba clasp the hand of friendship and hemispheric progress inherent in the OAS and the Alliance.

For it is progress that should be the overriding concern of all of us—progress that will meet the just yearnings of the great majority of the people of Latin America. It is in these yearnings for economic and social justice that the Alliance has its roots.

In assessing the progress made by the Alliance, we must therefore understand that the average citizen—the men who will ultimately decide the future of the Alliance and of the continent—will not be won over by the statistics of monthly car loadings or of rising figures on a graph. What he wants to see is improvement in his life and in his neighborhood.

He will not be won over by a Common Market with its modernized economies and increased business opportunities unless he feels he will somehow share in the gains they make possible.

He will not be inspired or won over by shiny new farm equipment and modern agricultural methods unless he has a stake in the land they till.

He will not be won over by modern schools or efforts to wipe out illiteracy unless his education permits him to live in a society in which ability is the criterion for advancement.

### Social Progress is Fundamental

**In short, economic progress alone cannot be the key to the future of Latin America. Economic progress may be the body and muscle of the Alliance, but social progress must be its heart and its soul.**

Simon Bolivar once said that the goal of the Americas was to be the greatest region on earth, "greatest not so much by virtue of her area or her wealth, as by her freedom and her glory." That "freedom and glory" must be made possible in a continent of social justice and equity.

What the people of Latin America today seek is what we have sought and still seek for ourselves in the United States. For we are also trying to wipe out poverty in the United States and give each of our citizens his birthright of equality and dignity. We are seeking to insure the legal right of all of our people to participate in the democratic process, and we are trying, through great social efforts in medical care, education and job training, to maximize dignity for our old and opportunity for our young.

We are doing these things through peaceful, democratic change, in fulfillment of our own revolutionary heritage. Indeed, through our own efforts of self-help, we have shown our commitment to the revolutionary ideology of the Alliance for Progress.

### Democracy Offers Fulfillment

And as the people of Latin America—especially the young people—search for an alternative to communism, it is appropriate for us to remind them that western democracy—to which their culture has contributed so much—stands not merely as that alternative but as a way of life that offers fulfillment for their aspirations, even as it does for ours.

All in all, the people of the Americas—North and South—must concern themselves with building societies better able to cope with the rising expectations that are the hallmark of the twentieth century. Basically many of our problems are the same—such problems as urban stagnation, lack of educational facilities, inadequate housing, insufficient public health services and others.

Basically, too, the people of Latin America want the same as the people of the United States—homes, food, jobs, decent clothes, an education for their children, the opportunity to live a life of dignity in freedom. How can they get these? Through land reform, urban development, community development, low cost housing, more schools, nutrition, sanitation, hygiene, recreation and welfare—all the things that go into giving people a stake in what they are doing and in their countries. **In short, what they want is a combination of economic and human aspirations—a society that understands it can succeed only if it utilizes the goals of economic improvement to provide a better life for its people.**

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** Excerpts from a recent address by Ambassador Sol M. Linowitz, U.S. Representative, Organization of American States.*

## DOD Issues 6th Report On Voting Assistance

The Department of Defense has issued the Sixth Report on the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

The report, issued in odd-numbered years, provides information and statistical data pertaining to the implementation and operation of the voting assistance program, which was established by the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955.

The sixth report contains a summary of pending legislation to amend the act, a list of states which need changes in voting laws to meet recommendations of the act, and statistics on armed forces voting participation in the 1966 election.

Totals of eligible armed force personnel, by service, who voted in 1966, were: Army, 207,033; Navy, 162,953; Air Force, 196,228 and Marine Corps, 57,078.

## FAA Schedules Meeting On Collision Avoidance

Military and civilian aviation representatives will meet in Washington Dec. 12 to discuss two different aircraft collision avoidance systems.

The one-day symposium will be sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration and held on the third floor of the Department of Transportation Bldg., 800 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C.

Air Force, Navy and Army representatives will attend, along with groups from the aviation industry and various pilots and aircraft owners associations.

The relative merits of the Pilot Warning Instrument (PWI) and the Collision Avoidance System (CAS) will be discussed.

PWI merely alerts pilots to possible traffic conflicts, the FAA said, while CAS is computer-driven and evaluates hazards, suggesting evasive maneuvers.

*SSgt. Charles B. Morris*

## Army Redesigns Discharge Certificate

A newly-designed discharge certificate will be presented to U.S. Army personnel discharged after Dec. 15.

The words "Army Of The United States" have been changed to "United States Army," and the U.S. Eagle printed in full color.

The new certificate will be smaller than the present one.

A green vinyl folder with the War Office seal stamped on the front cover will be made available exclusively for encasing the discharge certificate prior to issuing or mailing.

## Army ROTC Scholarships Total 1,800 in 1968-69

More than 1,800 Army ROTC scholarships will be awarded for the 1968-69 school year.

About 845 scholarships will go to college students who have completed two years of ROTC training. The remainder will be four-year scholarships for outstanding high school graduates.

Applications for the four-year scholarships can be made at area Army headquarters. Deadline is Jan. 15, 1968.

## Army Staff Sergeant Wins Medal of Honor For Heroism in Vietnam

President Johnson presented the Medal of Honor to Army Staff Sergeant Charles B. Morris, Nov. 16 in recognition of his "heroic actions as a squad leader in battle near Xa Xuan Loc, South Vietnam," on June 29, 1966.

During a visit to Cam Ranh Bay on Oct. 26, 1966, President Johnson awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to Sgt. Morris.

Award of the Medal of Honor to Sgt. Morris brings to 14 the number presented by the President. DOD has presented eight Medals of Honor for a total of 22 medals awarded for action in Vietnam.

A White House statement said that although seriously wounded on four separate occasions, Sgt. Morris personally destroyed an enemy machine gun and its crew, killed several enemy attackers and led his men throughout their successful eight-hour defense of their position.

At the time of this action, Sgt. Morris was a member of Company A, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade. He is now stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C., and assigned to the 2nd Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division.

## Ship's Radar Crew Scores Assists on Two MIG Kills

Radarmen aboard the guided missile frigate USS Fox have made the first two ship-assisted MIG kills of the Vietnam air war.

The first enemy aircraft was downed when Fox radarmen guided two F4-B Phantom interceptors from the USS Constellation to a group of MIG-21s south of Hanoi. One Phantom pilot scored a direct hit with an air-to-air missile.

For the second kill, Fox radarmen led a Phantom combat air patrol to a flight of MIG-17s and one MIG was shot down with an air-to-air missile.

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